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# CD MAJORS ON TOUR

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ON A SUNDAY afternoon last May, 27 child development majors embarked by bus for a 3 day field trip to Chicago.

The days were packed with visits to 11 institutions and agencies including the Michael Reese Hospital, Hull House, Mary Crane Nursery School and the Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School. Here the real challenges and rewards of child development work were bared.

## Visit Hospitals and Schools

Michael Reese, a general hospital for the sick and injured, is supported by payments for services, the Jewish Federation of Chicago and donations. Over 25 percent of the cases are treated on a charity basis. Perhaps the most interesting aspect of this hospital is the type of equipment and care available to the crippled children. These children play like any other children. They have tumbles, but pick themselves up and continue on. Sue Kelly, 1956 graduate, became so interested in the Michael Reese Therapeutic Nursery School while on the trip that she applied for a position. Now she is on the staff working with children between the ages of 2 and 5.

Mary Crane Nursery School, which is associated with Hull House, offers not only educational programs for children 2 to 6 years old, but an educational program for their parents also. Janet Nordaker, 1955 graduate, teaches in the nursery school which has a capacity of 90 children. Hull House was established in 1889 by Jane Addams, a pioneer in settlement house work. Activities today include art school, music school, dramatics, clubs, gymnasium, art gallery and classes in English and citizenship. The settlement caters primarily to school-age children.

Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School is a boarding school for study and treatment of children with functional behavior disorders—children who are unable to make a satisfactory adjustment at home or school. This institution offers extensive examination, psychotherapy and educational programs to each child. It is affiliated with the University of Chicago.

## The Cost

The Sherman Hotel was headquarters for the trip. An opportunity to get to know each other in different surroundings helped these child development women gain a feeling of departmental unity.

The trip cost each traveler between \$30 and \$40—\$12 for transportation, \$9 for hotel room and \$10 to \$16 for meals, according to each person's taste and appetite.

## Spring Trip

This spring, juniors, accompanied by graduate students and staff members, may take the trip. The dates for this year's jaunt are April 28 to May 1. The Department of Child Development is making this trip a required part of the child development curriculum.

Everyone who has toured these institutions of possible future employment, agrees that it gives them a real insight into their chosen field. Plus, the students say the trip provides a wealth of information for reference in child development classes—for in these institutions, theory becomes a reality.



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